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Excerpt of pertinent information:

INTERROGATION OF GHEORGHE MANU, P. 13— "I know that he (Gheorghin) kept in regular touch with Caranfil, and that later he sought to get into contact with General Radescu when Dr. Hodos, my closest collaborator, left the country. He left with the second batch of the formaking's suite. At that moment the committee entrusted him with the mission of forming in Paris a branch committee, composed of himself - Hodos - Vintila Bratianu, and Morusi, four who had left earlier. The committee was to take up contact with all those who were abroad, particularly with Radescu. He was authorized by the subversive elements at home to bring about their organizational unification, under the leadership of Radescu. . . .

INTERROGATION OF THE ACCUSED GHEORGHE BONTILA—P. 3—PRESIDENT: What could you tell the Court about the message sent by this committee to the former General Radescu? ACCUSED: At one of the meetings held at the Romano-Americans Company, TRAIAN NITESCU told us that he intended to send a message requesting General Radescu to set out feelers among the Americans in order to obtain information and assistance, armament and ammunitions. It was understood that we were to draw up the message. Later I was informed that the message had been sent. . . .

INTERROGATION OF THE ACCUSED D. GHEORGHIU—P. 2—PRESIDENT: Did you establish contacts with the former General RADESCU?

ACCUSED: I saw Radescu twice in the spring of 1947 when I informed him of the existence of our movement, and then, after his departure, I sent him a letter through Engineer CARANFIL.

PRESIDENT: Only one letter?

ACCUSED: Actually there were two letters sent at the same time, one including the signature and the other the text.

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PRESIDENT: Did you receive any letter from Engineer CARANFIL?

ACCUSED: In February I received one single letter from CARANFIL through Colonel LOVELL and I sent him a letter by the same channel.

PRESIDENT: Did you know HODOS? What mission did you give him abroad?

ACCUSED: I charged him to contact CARANFIL, and through CARANFIL to contact RADESCU and then with the two members of our committee who were abroad, VINTILA BRATINU and MORUZI, to form the representation of our committee abroad. . . .

INTERROGATION OF THE ACCUSED H. MACKLARIU— P. 2—PRESIDENT: Did this committee address a message to the former General RADESCU?

ACCUSED: In October 1947, Engineer TRAIAN NITESCU came to see me. He came at my home and in February we sent a written message to General RADESCU on my initiative. . . .

INTERROGATION OF THE ACCUSED ION BUIOIU— P. 3—PRESIDENT: In this subversive activity toward whom did you lean in the interior? Toward what elements?

ACCUSED: I could not say. There was no special preference whatsoever.

PRESIDENT: But abroad, did you rely on somebody?

ACCUSED: At the end of 1947 and the beginning of 1948, the group approached General RADESCU, who is abroad. . . .

P. 4—PRESIDENT: Do you recognize that you had sent a written message to the former general RADESCU? What were its contents?

ACCUSED: I must tell you the contents of this message from memory and hearsay. I did not sign the message. There was an attached letter which I signed.

PRESIDENT: Why did n't you sign that message?

ACCUSED: For safety reasons.

PRESIDENT: What were the contents of this message, the first and the second?

ACCUSED: The first included the following text: It related that the group of friends and various groups which had existed before the committee was set up continued to exist. The second that this group of friends and the persons who are leading it, recognize the former General RADESCU as their spiritual leader and requested him to defend the country's interest and particularly to unite around himself the fugitives who are abroad, Mr. SHEA being informed about this and requested to procure assistance. . . .

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PRESIDENT:

P. 7—Did you see RADESCU and for what purpose?

ACCUSED: I met RADESCU when he was President of the Council of Ministers and Interior Minister, in relation to matters concerning coal production. Then, I visited him at his home in Str. Clopotari. I think Mr. GHEORGHIU was not with me but may be he was. I know that RADESCU was informed of the existence of the nucleus and groups. At the same time RADESCU informed us that he had followers among the former officers who were removed from the armed forces and that he thought that he could start a movement in Bucharest. I was informed of it, I did not hear it myself, that the speech delivered at the ARO, which is known, had the prior approval of Anglo-American circles.

P. 9—Did you ask RADESCU for material assistance and instructions?

ACCUSED: I already stated yes. . . .

STATEMENT OF WITNESS TOMA MATEI—P. 2—PRESIDENT: Do you know something about the letter sent by MACELARIU to RADESCU and what it contained?

WITNESS: Yes, a letter was written to RADESCU and I know that it was sent by Eng. GHEORGHIU to the American Embassy, in order to be forwarded to General RADESCU. The contents was that he was to intercede for the obtainment of armament and to obtain information of the international situation. . . .

STATEMENT OF WITNESS CONDESCU DUMITRU: P. 1—PRESIDENT: Did MACELARIU speak to you about a steering committee?

WITNESS: Yes. . .

PRESIDENT: Did he speak to you about a leader abroad?

WITNESS: Yes, he said that the supreme chief was General RADESCU. . .

SPEECH OF PUBLIC PROSECUTOR CONSTANTIN STANCIU—P. 5—Another witness belonging to the Popp stated: "These formations possessed weapons other than fire-arms originating from the battles of 23rd August and from the time of the Legionary rebellion, from General Radescu, and some bought from the N.C.O.'s removed from the army who sold them to the National Peasant Party at nominal prices. . .

P. 7—The groups - each separately - also sought contacts other than those with the representatives of the imperialist states in our country. The Bujoiu group, for example, approached the traitor Radescu by two messages which together formed only one. This is the text of the message as remembered by the accused Bujoiu: "In the final part of the message we showed General Radescu that, in order to carry out our purpose of overthrowing the present regime by force, we needed his instructions. To that end we begged General Radescu to ask the Americans for the necessary instructions and also for data concerning the time of the possible beginning of a new war. We also asked General Radescu to obtain from the Americans the aid needed by us as regards war material, arms and ammunition, radio transmitters and funds. The message was sent by the accused Gheorghiu, after all the accused had signed it, to Colonel Lovell, military attache of the American Mission in Roumania. "I have said that there were two messages/

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In order to assure secrecy the actual message was signed Calu. The second part of the message contained the explanation of the word Calu, that is, it told General Radescu who were the signatories of the message sent to him. The second letter was thus sent, the second message explaining the meaning of the word Calu.

This is all the pertinent information on subject in this document.